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October 1, 2023

**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
Chief Judge, United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *United States v. Russell Dwayne Lewis, 23 Cr. 032 (LTS)***

Dear Judge Swain:

The sentencing proceeding in the above-captioned case is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. One of the victims in the case, identified in the Information as Victim-2, resides outside the United States, and has requested to be permitted to observe, and potentially to make a victim impact statement to the Court, via videoconference. The Government understands from court personnel that they are able to provide, and assist with, audio-visual capabilities, including live videoconference, at the sentencing proceeding.

Under the Crime Victims' Rights Act, a crime victim has the right to be reasonably heard at certain public proceedings, including sentencing, in the district court. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(4). Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court approve the appearance of Victim-2 via videoconference, to observe the sentencing proceeding and, if Victim-2 wishes, to be heard in connection with sentencing.

Respectfully submitted,

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